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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, CY  
SUBJECT: KYPRIANOU ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

REF: NICOSIA 2958

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU ANNOUNCED  
NOV 22 THAT HE WILL SEEK RE-ELECTION IN FEBRUARY. IN THE  
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ANNOUNCEMENT HE STATED THAT DECISION WAS TAKEN WITHOUT

ANY PERSONAL AMBITIONS; HIS ONLY WISH WAS TO CONTINUE TO  
SERVE THE PEOPLE OF  
CYPRUS AND THE NATIONAL CAUSE:  
END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. A CLOSE CONFIDANT OF KYPRIANOUS HAS TOLD US THAT THE PRESIDENT AND HIS SUPPORTERS CONSIDERED IT IMPORTANT TO ISSUE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS CANDIDACY AT THIS TIME IN THE HOPE OF DISSUADING PASCALIDES, WHO IS KNOWN TO PREFER COMPLETE CENTER AND RIGHT UNITY BEFORE COMMITTING HIMSELF, FROM LAUNCHING A CAMPAIGN. (THIS STRIKES US AS A RATHER EMPTY HOPE SINCE PASCALIDES HAS TOLD US HE IS ALREADY COMMITTED.) THERE ARE OTHER REPORTS, ONE CARRIED AUTHORITATIVELY IN RIGHTIST DAILY "SIMERINI", THAT KYPRIANOU WANTED TO ANNOUNCE EARLIER BUT WAS WAITING FOR CONFIRMATION OF SUPPORT FOR HIS CANDIDACY FROM COMMUNIST (AKEL) PARTY, WHICH WAS RECEIVED ONLY FEW DAYS AGO. ALTHOUGH AKEL HAS NOT YET ISSUED OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR KYPRIANOU, ITS MOUTHPIECE, "HARAVGHI", GAVE PROMINENT AND FAVORABLE COVERAGE TO HIS ANNOUNCEMENT, INDICATING THAT SUPPORT WILL BE FORTHCOMING.

3. COMMENT. NOW THAT KYPRIANOU AND CLERIDES (REFTEL) HAVE FORMALLY ANNOUNCED THEIR CANDIDACIES, IT IS WIDELY EXPECTED THAT NEXT IMPORTANT POLITICAL LEADERS TO BE HEARD FROM WILL BE INDEPENDENT TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS AND SOCIALIST (EDEK) PARTY LEADER VASSOS LYSSARIDES. PAPADOPOULOS IS BELIEVED TO BE ON THE VERGE OF LAUNCHING A MOVEMENT TO BUILD UNIFIED SUPPORT ON THE RIGHT BEHIND  
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PASCALIDES AS A CONSENSUS CANDIDATE. LYSSARIDES IS PLAYING COY, PERHAPS INTENDING TO TEST HIS STRENGTH AS A CANDIDATE HIMSELF. IN ANY CASE IT IS TOO SOON TO RISK A GUESS AS TO HOW THE SIDES WILL SHAKE OUT. THERE IS A LOT OF TIME AND ROOM FOR MANEUVERING BEFORE FEBRUARY. END COMMENT.  
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